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**Amendment No. 1 to SB0533**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 533**

**House Bill No. 268\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

63-7-123.

(a) The board shall issue a certificate of fitness to nurse practitioners who meet the qualifications, competencies, training, education and experience, pursuant to § 63-7-207(14), sufficient to prepare such persons to write and sign prescriptions and/or issue drugs within the limitations and provisions of § 63-1-132.

(b)

(1) A nurse who has been issued a certificate of fitness as a nurse practitioner pursuant to § 63-7-207 and this section shall file a notice with the board containing the name of the nurse practitioner, the name of the licensed physician having a collaborative agreement with the nurse practitioner for prescriptive services rendered by the nurse practitioner, and a copy of the formulary describing the categories of legend drugs to be prescribed and/or issued by the nurse practitioner. The nurse practitioner shall be responsible for updating this information.

(2) The nurse practitioner who holds a certificate of fitness shall be authorized to prescribe, administer, dispense and procure controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, IV and V of title 39, chapter 17, part 4.

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(3) The nurse practitioner shall maintain a copy of the protocol the nurse practitioner is using at the nurse practitioner's practice location and shall make the protocol available upon request by the board of nursing or authorized agent of the board.

(c) An applicant for a certificate of fitness shall pay an initial certification fee as well as a biennial renewal fee as set by the board.

(d) Any rules that purport to regulate collaborative agreements with physicians shall be jointly adopted by the board of medical examiners and the board of nursing.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.